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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Town of Vernon and a \$10,000 grant to the Town of Frankfort using Recovery Bill funding to help improve town buildings and facilities.

"Providing funding for towns like Frankfort and Vernon is essential to the success of our Upstate New York communities," **Arcuri said**, "It is important that we continue to grow our rural areas and ensure that they have the funding they need to improve vital community facilities like police and fire stations, community centers, medical centers and assisted living facilities."

The funding announced today is being provided through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program, which helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include child care centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Public bodies, non-profit organizations and recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply for funding.

These funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the Recovery Bill), which Arcuri voted for and the President signed into law in February.